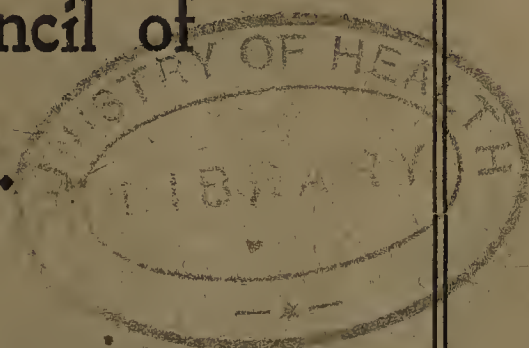


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To the Chairman and Members of the Flockton Urban
District Council.

GENTLEMEN,

I have the pleasure of submitting to you my Annual Report for the year 1925 on the Health and Sanitary conditions of your district.

The general health of the district has been good, with a rise in the Death Rate and a fall in the Birth Rate.

The Flockton Urban District has an area of 1,065 acres, situated chiefly on a southern slope. The village is long and straggling, extending about a mile along the Barnsley to Grange Moor highroad. There is a small hamlet about a mile to the west of the village. The district is mainly agricultural, but most of the men and boys work in the coal mining industry at collieries in the adjacent districts, there being no colliery in the district itself. A large number of girls work at mills in surrounding districts. The district is clean, healthy, and prosperous.

The Rateable Value is £4,121, a penny rate bringing in £17.

Population. The population at the last census was 1,379, and the estimated population for 1925 was 1,420.

Births and Birth Rate. The number of births registered in the district was 23, being 11 males and 12 females, giving a birthrate of 16·1 per 1,000, the general birthrate for England being 18·3. There were no illegitimate births.

Deaths and Death Rate. There were 20 deaths registered in the district, which with the necessary outward and inward transfers gave a nett number of 22—10 males and 12 females. Of these 9 were persons aged over 70 years. There were three deaths from Cancer, two from Tuberculous Diseases, and three from other lung diseases.

The Death Rate was 15·4 per 1,000, the general death rate for England being 12·2.

Infantile Death Rate. There were four deaths of children aged under 12 months, giving a death rate of 173·9 per 1,000 births registered.

Infectious Diseases. Five cases of Scarlet Fever, all of which were removed to hospital, and nine cases of Diphtheria, six of which were removed to hospital, occurred during the year.

Chicken Pox was extremely prevalent in March; Mumps was epidemic in September, October and November; and there was a considerable epidemic of Influenza in September and October. Two deaths occurred from Whooping Cough.

Tuberculosis. There were two deaths from Tuberculosis and one fresh case of Pulmonary Tuberculosis was notified.

Water. There is a good and efficient supply of water for domestic purposes, which is obtained jointly with the Whitley Upper Urban Council from the Dewsbury County Borough. The whole district is supplied, together with a portion of the Wakefield Rural District Council's area.

Drainage and Sewerage. The Flockton Beck, a tributary of the River Dearne, runs through the whole length of the district and receives the effluent from the settling tanks. Nearly the whole of the village is well drained and sewered, with the exception of the extreme Easterly and Westerly ends, which are not connected with the main system.

Flockton Green and Lane End are drained on to the land and Haigh Lane direct in to the Flockton Beck. The houses in the district are well supplied with closets on the dry earth system, but an extensive change from these to water closets would be impossible with the present sewerage scheme. There are very few water closets, but the schools use the dry pail system.

Scavenging. This is done by the Council, excepting at Flockton Moor. Refuse is tipped at Common End, but there is no Destructor. The annual cost is about £100.

There are two Elementary Schools in the district, both Infants' and Mixed Schools being under the control of the local School Managers. The Infants' School is a modern building, well lighted and ventilated.

The Schools were inspected on four occasions, with special attention to the pail closets, and were found to be satisfactory.

There were two registered Midwives practising in the district at the commencement of the year, but none towards the end, one having retired, and the Flockton Nursing Association having been wound up accounts for the other. A qualified midwife is very urgently needed in the area.

There is no local provision for unmarried mothers and illegitimate children.

Cases of Infectious Disease requiring isolation are removed to the Joint Isolation Hospital at Kirkburton, the houses being disinfected by the local Sanitary Staff.

There are three registered slaughter houses in the district, all being inspected and found satisfactory.

Housing. There is no activity in the building of dwelling houses, excepting by the Local Council, who having already built thirty-seven, are engaged on nine more.

I remain, Gentlemen,

Your obedient servant,

J. A. SMITH.

Middlestown,

Nr. Wakefield,

9th June, 1926.

FLOCKTON URBAN SANITARY DISTRICT.



Nuisance Inspections—

Total No. of Inspections made in 1925, for Nuisances only, 70.

Nuisances reported in 1925, 11.

Nuisances in hand, end of 1924, None.

Total needing abatement, None.

Abated during 1925, 11.

Outstanding end of 1925, None.

Notices served, Informal, 11.

Complied with, 11.

Notices served, Statutory, None.

Complied with, None.

Common Lodging Houses	}	None in District.
Houses let in Lodgings		
Canal Boats		
Knackers Yards		
Tents, Vans and Sheds		
Offensive Trades		

Have the Council declared any other processes to be offensive trades? No.

Drainage and Sewerage—

Developments during 1925? None.

Developments still needed as to (a) Want of sewers, Haigh Lane and Lane End. (b) Improvement of defective sewers, None.

Sewage Disposal Works (a) Any inadequacy? No.

(b) Any complaints? No.

Any sink wastes still needing disconnection? No.

Closet Accommodation—

No. of Privies with open middens, 53. No. of Pail or Tub Closets, 8.

No. of Privies with covered middens, 187. No. of Water Closets, None.
Waste-water Closets, None.

No. of Privies re-constructed during 1925—(a) as w.c.'s, None. (b) other, None.

No. of additional Closets provided for old property in 1925—(a) w.c.'s, None. (b) other, None.

No. of Closets constructed in 1925 for new houses (a) w.c.'s, None. (b) other, 9.

Scavenging—

Any change during 1925 ? No.

Performed by (a) Council, Yes. (b) Contractor, Flockton Moor.
(c) Owners or Occupiers, None.

How is refuse disposed of ? No. of loads to (a) Destructor, No. (b) Tips, Yes. (c) Farmers, Flockton Moor. Total annual cost £100.

Is there any inadequacy, and where ? No.

Any utilisation of waste material ? No.

Water supply.

Any developments during 1925 ? No.

Restricted in any way ? No.

Any general insufficiency, and where ? No.

Any action in regard to unsatisfactory quality, and where ? No.

Any new sources added ? No.

Any disused sources re-used ? No.

Milk Supply—

Are Two Registers being kept as required by Section 2 (3) of the 1922 Milk and Dairies (Amendment) Act ? (a) For Retailers. (b) For Cow-keepers or Wholesale Traders. Yes

Have any Licences been granted under the Milk and Dairies (Amendment) Act, 1922, to distributors of :—

“Certified” milk, No. “Grade A,” No. “Grade A (Tuberculin Tested)” No. “Grade A (Pasteurised),” No. “Pasteurised,” No.

Have you had samples of Graded Milk tested ? No.

Give No. and kind, None.

Have any retailers been removed from the Register ? No.

No. of samples taken by Officers of S.A. for analysis under F. & D. Acts, None. No. adulterated, None.

No. of samples taken by Officers of S.A. for bacteriological examination, 1.

What arrangement for periodical Veterinary Inspection of dairy cows ? None.

Any instance of disease attributed to milk in 1925 ? No.

No. of Milk Cows kept in District, 65.

No. of Cowkeepers in district producing and selling milk, 23.

No. Registered, 23.

No. of Retail Milk Sellers who are also Cowkeepers, 23.

No. who are Milk Retailers only, None.

Total No. of Retail Milk Sellers Registered, 23.

Total No. of Cowsheds, 24. Total No. of Inspections in 1925, 20.—Cow-keepers 20 ; Retailers, None.

Date of Dairies, Cowsheds and Milkshops Regulations ? None.

Any Legal Action, None.

Any inspection or other action by Districts to which Milk is sent ? No.

Other Foods—

No. of samples (other than Milk) taken by Officer of S.A. for examination under the Food and Drugs Acts in 1925, None. No. adulterated, None.

Any special examination of Milk for Dirt ? No.

No. of seizures of unsound food, None.

Any Public Abattoir ? None.

No. of Slaughterhouses, 3. Registered, 3. Licenced, 3. Unsatisfactory, structually or in bad position ? None.

No. of times each Slaughterhouse inspected ? Twice. Total inspections, 6.

No. of Prosecutions (a) Food and Drugs, No. (b) Unsound Food, No. (c) re Slaughter Houses, No.

Bakehouses, No., None. Any Underground, No.

Schools—

No. of Schools in district, 2. No. visited by M.O.H., 2.

Action taken, None. Schools closed by M.O H., None.

Factories and Workshops—

No. of Smoke observations taken } None in district
No. of Workshops. }

Adoptive Acts in force in District—

For Rural Districts—Any Urban Powers obtained in 1925 ? None.

Byelaws and Regulations --

Cleansing of Footways and Pavements

Scavenging

Prevention of Nuisances

Common Lodging Houses

New Streets and Buildings

Alteration of Buildings

Slaughter Houses

Baths and Wash-Houses

Houses let in Lodgings

Cemeteries

Mortuaries

Offensive Trades

Tents, Vans and Sheds

} None.

Any relaxation of Byelaws under Section 24 of Housing and Town Planning Act, 1919, No.

Infectious and other Diseases—

Diseases specially prevalent in 1925 ? Scarlet Fever, Diphtheria.
State months—Sporadic.

Any diseases specially added to notifiable list ? No.

Any influences threatening the health of the District ? No.

Any undue prevalence of Venereal Diseases ? No.

Any prevalence of Jaundice, and at what ages ? No.

Hospitals and other Institutions—

(a) General : Accident None in District.

Children „

(b) Local : Hospital, Cottage „

(c) Infectious, General „

Smallpox „

(d) Maternity „

Any arrangements for nursing Puerperal Fever cases ? No.

(e) Clinic and Treatment Centre not provided by County Council Scheme, No.

Whether any other disease (e.g. Pneumonia) is treated in Infectious Diseases Hospital, No.

Any change or extension of (a) General Infectious Hospital, No.

(b) Smallpox Hospital, No.

Tuberculosis—

- (1) Inspection of patient's home and workshop, Yes.
- (2) Examination for contacts, Yes.
- (3) Is house disinfected ? Yes.
- (4) Leaflets, Lectures, etc., distributed, Yes.
- (5) Action re spitting, Leaflets.
- (6) Is sputum examined apart from Dispensary ? Yes.
- (7) Any Special procedure adopted in cases of Pulmonary Tuberculosis with T.B. in sputum ? No.
- (8) Are the requirements of Tuberculosis Regulations as to notification observed by general practitioners ? Yes.

Bacteriology—

County Laboratory. Any suggestions, No.

Infant Mortality—

- Any suggestions ? No.
- Any voluntary Centres for Child or Mother Welfare ? No.
- Causes of any excessive Infant Mortality in 1925 ? No.
- Supply of Milk to Mothers and Infants. Any action ? No.

Vital Statistics—

- No. of Still Births during 1925, No statistics available.
- DEATHS during 1925—(1) Gross Deaths, *i.e.*, Total actually registered in the District without any correction, Males, 10. Females, 10.
- (2) No. of uncertified deaths (included above), None.

Mortuaries—

What accommodation—(a) for accidents, (b) for infectious cases other than at hospital, (c) for other purposes, None.

Sanitary Staff—

- What is the present Annual Salary of the M.O.H. ? £24.
- Name of Sanitary Inspector, C. Mountain.
- Other appointments held, Road Surveyor.
- Any Assistants ? One.
- Is Staff sufficient ? Yes.
- Does M.O.H. receive copies of Memos. and Circulars distributed by Ministry of Health, Yes.

Clinics—

Any suggestions ? No.

Any Remarks as to—

District Nursing Association, Has been wound up.

Any Dispensary ? No.

Midwifery Services, Certified midwife urgently required.

Housing—

See Table D—but please state No. of Certificates given under Increase of Rent (Restriction) Act, 1920, Sec. 2 (2), None.

Special Reports and Investigations on any subjects.

None.

Summary of Housing Work during 1925—

Houses with defects not disposed of at end of 1924 :—

Houses not reasonably fit for habitation. Section 28, 1919 ; Section 10, 1923. 4.

Houses (recorded under “Housing”) with minor defects. (Public Health Acts). 2.

Houses inspected for “Housing defects” in 1925 under Acts and Regulations :—

Total inspected and recorded, 65.

Houses found satisfactory on inspection, 60.

Houses needing further action, 5.

Houses not reasonably fit. Action under Section 28, 1919 ; Section 10 of 1923 ; and Section 1, 1925 :—

Houses found with defects, 5.

Houses of this class remedied without formal notice, 5.

Houses with defects not disposed of at end of 1925 :—

Houses not reasonably fit for habitation. Section 28, 1919 ; Section 10, 1923 ; Section 1, 1925, 4.

Houses (recorded under “Housing”) with minor defects. (Public Health Acts), 2.

Other Action in regard to Housing—

Total number of houses in district, 323.

Number of working-class houses, over 90%.

General standard compared with that of the Ministry of Health in Manual Vol. I., 1919, Fair.

Obstructive Buildings—Any building represented by M.O.H. under Sec. 38 (1) of 1890, or Sec. 19, 1925 Act? No.

Result of action (if any), None

Any building represented by Local Government Electors under Sec 38 (2) of 1890 Act, or by a Justice of the Peace, Parish Council, or 4 Government Electors under Section 10, 1925 Act? No.

Unhealthy Areas—Any representations under part I. or II., of the 1890 Act or part II. of 1925 Act? If so give particulars, None.

Re-construction Schemes.—Have L.A. directed any to be prepared under Sec. 39 of 1890 Act or part II. of the 1925 Act? None.

Conversion of Houses.—Any houses acquired for division into separate tenements, under the 1919 Act or of closed houses under Section 4, 1925 Act? If so give particulars, None.

Penalty on re-letting houses ordered to be closed.—Any action under Sec. 12 of 1925 Act? None.

Unfit Houses—Any complaints by Local Government Electors under Section 31 of 1890 Act as amended by the 1923 Act or Section 10, 1925? No.

Unfit Houses—Any complaints by Parish Councils under Section 6 (2) of the Local Government Act, 1894? No.

Any action under Small Dwellings Acquisition Acts, 1899 to 1923? No.

Any scarcity of houses? If so, where? Yes; generally.

Any overcrowding in houses, and where? Yes; general.

Any special activity in house building, and where? Only by the Local District Council.

Any regulations made in respect of underground sleeping rooms under Section 17 (7) 1909 Act, or under Section 18, 1925 Act? No.

Total number of houses built in the district under state aided and all conditions in 1925, (a) Working Class Dwellings, 9.

State-aided Housing Schemes.

A. Scheme under 1919 Act.

Number of houses erected in 1925. (1) By Council, None.

(2) By Private Builders' Subsidy, None.

B. Scheme under 1923 Act.

Have Council propounded a scheme under this Act ? No.

Has a scheme been submitted to the Ministry of Health for their approval ? No.

If scheme is approved, please enclose particulars of same ? None.

Is assistance given to private individuals ?

(a) By lump sum, No.

(b) By annual payments for 20 years of £6.

(c) By periodical payments to a Building Society, No.

Number of houses completed by Local Authority under this scheme in 1925, 9.

Number of houses completed by private persons under this scheme in 1925, None.

Number of houses completed by Public Utility Societies under this scheme in 1925, None.

C. Scheme under 1924 Act.

Number of houses provisionally approved by Ministry, 9.

Number of houses specifically approved by Ministry, 9.

Number of houses completed under special conditions, None.

Number of houses purchased with approval of Ministry, None.

Total number of houses provided under all stated-aided schemes in 1925, 9.

Town Planning.

Have Council joined a Regional Town Planning Committee in 1925 ? No.

Have Council passed a resolution in 1925 deciding to prepare a scheme ? No.

Any scheme contemplated ? No.

Have Council propounded a scheme in 1925 ? No.

Has a scheme been finally approved by the Ministry of Health in 1925 ? No.

Has a scheme been submitted to the Ministry of Health in 1925 ? No.

Has a preliminary statement been prepared and submitted to the Ministry for approval in 1925 ? No.

Name and Address of Officer designated to make inspections under Article II. of Housing (Inspection of District) Regulations, 1910,
J. A. Smith, Middletown

Signed, J. A. SMITH, Medical Officer of Health.

